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SUBJ: UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION: APPROACH TO GOT

REF : A. STATE 237296; B. CAIRO 885

1. IN ABSENCE OF PARIS 25477 (WHICH WE HAVE ASKED TO BE REPEATED TO US) WE DO NOT FEEL ADEQUATELY INFORMED TO MAKE A CONVINCING DEMARCHE TO GOT ON THE BELGIAN INITIATIVE IN UNESCO. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW PARTICULARLY WHAT LED TO ESTIMATION THAT TUNISIAN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER WAS LEANING TOWARD BELGIAN INITIATIVE AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, TO HIS BEING ADVERSELY INFLUENCED BY SAUDIS.

2. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER INFORMATION, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT ARGUMENTS TO CONVINCE TUNISIANS THAT IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO REVERSE POSITION ON ADMISSION OF ISRAEL TO UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP. USG CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN A MAJOR ISSUE HERE. PRINCIPAL TUNISIAN CONCERN, AS IN INSTANCE OTHER ARAB STATES, HAS BEEN ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM WHICH APPEAR TO BE CONTINUING. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN OUR DEMARCHE HERE

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IF WE COULD INDICATE A DISCONTINUATION OR DIMUNITION OF THESE

EXCAVATIONS.

3. SINCE AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MONGI KOOKI TOMORROW MORNING,
OCTOBER 8, NEED RESPONSE URGENTLY.
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